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METHOD FOR ASSESSING THE RISK OF

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

ATTENTION:

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Accounting Division OFFICE OF FINANCE

REQUEST FOR A REFUND OF 50% OF THE FILING FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

January 7, 2002

Sir:

The following documentation and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

DOCUMENTATION

Attached hereto is:

a copy of an executed Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f) and 1.27()) - filed on even date herewith under separate cover.

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a), applicants hereby request a refund of 50% of the Filing Fee. Small entity status has been

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established by the filing of a written assertion/statement on

Small entity applicants may now file the necessary Statement within three (3) months of the date of payment of any particular fee and request a refund. The present application qualifies for the reduced fees as implemented by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 1, 1982, and further amended on January 20, 1983 and September 8, 2000.

The present application was filed on December 14, 2001 with a filing fee of \$1,182.00. It is respectfully requested that the excess fee of \$591.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

Favorable action on the present Request is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Sir:

The above-identified application qualifies for small entity status. This written assertion of small entity status should satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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